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DYNAMIC RANGE OF MASS

SPECTROMETERS

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 01/29/2003, Applicant sets forth the following amendments and remarks toward reconsideration for allowance.

REMARKS

35 USC § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz et al (USP 5,572,022) and further in view of Kirchner et al. (USP 5,464,975). While admitting that Schwartz does not perform the step of

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